

Nevada Indian Commission
5500 Snyder Avenue, Building #3, Carson City, NV
Tribal Early Childhood Advisory Committee Meeting
November 19, 2013

Present: Theresa Rowe, Education Manager, Head Start, Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California and Vice-Chairperson, Tribal Early Childhood Advisory Committee; Gloria Smith, Head Start Director, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada; Mike Tinsley, Child Care Development Fund, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada; Sherry Ely-Mendes, Chairperson, Tribal Early Childhood Advisory Committee and Children's Cabinet; Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director, Nevada Indian Commission; Lori Lotts, Administrative Assistant, Nevada Indian Commission

- I. Invocation
 - a. The invocation was given by Gloria Smith.
- II. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Sherry E. called the meeting to order at 1:11pm.
- III. Initial Public Comment
 - a. There were no initial public comments made at the meeting.
- IV. For Possible Action: Approval of August 20, 2013 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Theresa Rowe motioned to approve the August 20, 2013 meeting minutes, seconded by Mike Tinsley. Motion carried.
- V. For Possible Action: Approval of October 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Theresa Rowe motioned to table the October 15, 2013 meeting minutes until the next meeting, seconded by Mike Tinsley. Motion carried.
- VI. For Possible Action: Possible Approval of Tribal Early Childhood Advisory Committee (TECAC) Appointment of Representative Forms
 - a. Sherry R. reported that four appointment of representative forms had been received from Stephanie Wyatt, Developmental Specialist from Nevada Early Intervention Services; Lori Schoen, Early Intervention Supervisor Developmental Specialist IV from Nevada Early Intervention Services; Patricia Orders, Social Worker Director from the Shoshone Paiute Tribe-Duck Valley Reservation; and Zannetta Hanks, Social Worker from the Shoshone Paiute Tribe-Duck Valley Reservation.
 - b. Mike Tinsley motioned to approve the forms, seconded by Theresa Rowe. Motion carried.

VII. For Possible Action: Update on Finalization of Tribal Early Childhood Public Awareness Video

- a. Sherry R. reported that the last segment with the First Lady and her daughter is complete. The video is ready to be edited and that has been scheduled for the first 4 days in December. Once editing is complete there will be a rough cut for review. The video will be ready in time for the Education Summit.
- b. Sherry R. stated that she is scheduling tribal visits to discuss the video along with other matters, and wanted to know who from the committee would like to join her to show the video and discuss the importance of early childhood education. The TECAC will need to have this decided soon, because if the desire is to show the video at Tribal council meetings, the TECAC will have to request to be placed onto their meeting agendas. Sherry R. has a list of when each council is scheduled to meet. The TECAC can begin planning this trip through the Commission. Sherry R. mentioned waiting to see if Early Intervention Services is going to do their grant. Sherry R. will check with Margo to see if they will have any funding, however the TECAC should begin mapping out the trip as soon as possible. Sherry E. suggested starting locally with the roll-out until the group has a better idea on funding.

Mike stated that if the video is ready by January, he can take the video with him for his regular visits to his 16 tribes. Sherry E. suggested the TECAC think of places where the video can be shown continuously; she suggested health clinics where they have TV's setup that run informational videos for patients on inter-loops.

- c. Sherry R. reported that at the Education Summit planning meeting the committee was excited about the video and the possibility of showcasing it at the conference. The planning committee talked about the TECAC tracks and about the possibility of an early childhood education theme throughout the conference or least having a keynote on early childhood education, and that keynote being the First Lady. Sherry E. mentioned that she spoke to a lady with Nevada PEP that has a Native American curriculum and is interested in the summit; she will send her contact information to Sherry R.

VIII. For Possible Action: Update on Tribal Child Care Licensing Template

- a. Sherry E. reported that the TECAC is working to develop a template for tribes to use as standards or licensing regulations for their childcare centers. The TECAC is leaning more toward the regulations so that tribes can get involved in the QRIS process. From the last TECAC meeting different folks were assigned to work on different sections and have made the rough draft of the actual document. Once

this template is completed it should be reviewed by someone outside the group, but in the field of early childhood development for feedback, and then it can be finalized by the committee. Theresa Rowe, San San Tin, and Karen Shaw have helped to develop this template. Sherry E. reported that she has received feedback from Theresa. Lori gave Karen Shaw's update: She is sorry she could not attend the meeting. She does not have the discipline and staff-child interactions complete – she is still cross-referencing with Nevada State Standards. Sherry E. stated that the TECAC wanted to make this less regulatory and more standardized, so that tribes can focus on the quality of their centers and less on the square footage. Sherry R. felt it would be a good idea to meet in December even if for an hour or two to review what has been completed.

- IX. For Possible Action: Continued Planning for the 2014 Nevada American Indian Alaska Native Education Summit TECAC Track
- a. Sherry R. reported that this year's summit is March 17-18, 2014, at the University of Nevada, Reno, Joe Crowley Student Union. The theme is "Building a Foundation for Success." The early registration fee is \$125, and after February 7, 2014, the fee is \$150.
 - b. The TECAC had decided at their last meeting that the topic areas would be the following:
 - i. Positive Interaction and Guidance – Theresa volunteered at the last meeting to help with this workshop. Sherry R. asked her for a title and description of this workshop as soon as possible.
 - ii. Family & Community Relationships – Ideas for this workshop, topic and teacher were discussed. Mike stated that any of Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada's (ITCN) programs were usually parenting classes and are taught jointly through the Washoe County School District (WCSD). Theresa reported that Head Start has a family initiative right now, but no classes that are being taught. Sherry R. will contact Lynn Manning at WCSD to see if she has any ideas for workshop topics and teachers.
 - iii. Health, Safety & Nutrition – Sherry E. stated that the Children's Cabinet may have a workshop that they use on health and nutrition and she will look into it further and report back to the committee. Theresa volunteered to contact Indian Health Services (IHS) to see if they offer any workshops that may work for this topic.
 - iv. Leadership & Professional Development – Sherry R. mentioned that the Nevada Registry was brought up at the last meeting and asked how they could specifically help with this workshop. Sherry E. stated that they teach professional development courses and she will contact Cindy Johnson with the Nevada Registry to see what help they can offer.

- X. Committee Member Comments and Announcements
 - a. Mike reported that the reauthorization of the Child Care Development Fund program from Senator Larkin was missing tribal provisions. Senator Larkin's office did contact one of the groups he works with, the National Indian Childcare Association, and in January/February they will begin drafting the language for tribal provisions and will be asking for Tribal input before it goes to the floor.
 - b. Mike reported that the ITCN Women Infants and Children (WIC) program is working in the Las Vegas area and the first clinic will be held January 6-7, 2014. Sherry R. suggested that the ITCN WIC program work with the Las Vegas Indian Center (LVIC) as many of the Native families in transition that come to the Las Vegas area go to LVIC for emergency services.
- XI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
 - a. Suggestions for agenda items included the following: October 15, 2013 meeting minutes, a report on finalization of the early childhood education video and an update on the tribal childcare licensing template
 - b. Any additional agenda items can be sent to Sherry R.
- XII. Scheduling and Location of Next Tribal Early Childhood Advisory Committee Meeting
 - a. The next meeting was scheduled for December 17, 2013 from 1-3pm at the Nevada Indian Commission.
- XIII. Final Public Comments
 - a. There were no final public comments made at the meeting.
- XIV. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 1:47pm.